

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 31, 1957.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, Mathieson Building, Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, January 31, 1957.

There were present:

Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Also attending the meeting was Mr. James J. O'Donnell, Director of the Department of Public Improvements.

STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS:

The Board met to discuss a study which had been made by Mr. O'Donnell of the bids received from contractors for the construction of a State Office Building in Baltimore City.

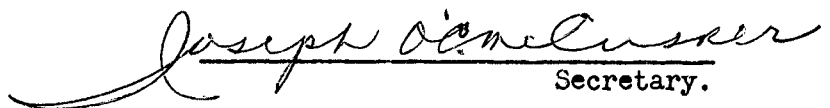
After due consideration of the bids and the recommendations of Mr. O'Donnell, it was decided to approve award of a contract to Blake Construction Company, in the amount of \$9,754,885.00, based on the acceptance of that company's "B" bid and Alternates 1, 5, 17, 18 and 19.

The award is also predicated on the understanding that the State will be granted an option extending through to approximately April 15, 1957, for reinstatement of the total project, embracing all items spelled out under the "A" bid. The exercise of this option is subject to appropriation of additional funds by the Legislature which will be requested during the current session.

It was agreed that Mr. O'Donnell would confer with Attorney General Sybert and review with him the letter dated January 24, 1957, received from the law firm of Dickerson, Nice and Sokol, questioning the legal right of the Board of Public Works to award contract to the Blake Construction Company, because of the variations which it was claimed were made contrary to the specifications. Mr. O'Donnell had stated that he did not believe that there was any good basis for objections to an award of the contract to the Blake Construction Company, but after a discussion of the question, and request by Mr. Tawes, Mr. O'Donnell was directed to confer with the Attorney General for confirmation of the views expressed by him.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


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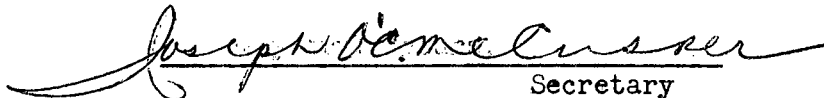
STATE LAW DEPARTMENT:

Governor McKeldin submitted to the Board a letter, dated January 25, 1957, received from Attorney General C. Ferdinand Sybert, requesting approval for the employment of Norman P. Ramsey, Esq., as a Special Assistant Attorney General in order that he may continue to act as counsel to represent the State Law Department in several pending court cases dealing with the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Maryland, representing the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of Maryland.

The Board approved the request, with the amount of compensation to be determined after the services to be rendered by Mr. Ramsey have been completed, with the funds for such payment to be made available from the General Emergency Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary